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Whaling Voyage
of Ship Addison
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(The Captain's best "Mate,")

Vol II.

On board Ship Addison in the Arctic Ocean -
August 5th 1859. Foggy more or less throughout the day.
Spoke the John Howland Capt Whelden, picking up one dead
whale this season. 13 ships in sight. passed the Elisa
Adams, saw the Barque Fortune.
6th. Quite clear with a strong breeze still from the North
we have been beating for the last ten days, have seen
considerable floating ice during the day. In the afternoon
spoke the Rebecca Sims. Capt. Hames came on board and
stopped until half past eleven P.M. his wife remains at
Hilo this season. he has taken nothing this season -
21 months out, 400 bbls. he heard by him that whale oil
in April was down to 46 cts per gallon, if that was the case
probably our oil that we sent home was sold much lower
than we supposed it would be. I wish we had all on board
that we have taken this voyage. Oh, how many poor souls
there are around here just now - and we all bid fair to
leave the ground in the same condition, these are
trying times. 8 ships in sight. Land in sight all day -
10th Cold and blustering but quite clear. we are off shore
quite a distance today and find a considerable ice,
patches of it several miles in extent also considerable
loose floating ice. sent the boats to the edge of the ice
after dinner for walrus which were in great numbers
on the ice they could not get in to the ice far enough to be
successful they took two which they brought to the ship -
they are the worst looking creatures that I ever saw without
exception. Saw three ships gamming one of which was the
Rebecca Sims. after tea we went down to them, and Samuel
went on board the R. S. where the Captains had congregated.
very soon he came back, however, not meeting with a very
cordial reception, for the Captains wanted to come here
where the lady was. they came back with him and ~~he~~
we passed a very pleasant evening. they were, Capt. Hames of
the Rebecca Sims nothing this season. Capt Clark of the
Bartholomew Gosnold, two whales and Capt. Thomas of the
Eliza Adams 1600 bbls he is the highest by far of any one
here, except the Mary A. Cushman she has 1400, they took it
off Shaddens from the 16th May to the 16th June, have

seen no chance since he made. Some coffee about 10 o'clock and set out a small treat consisting of soda crackers, cheese pie, and cake. Capt. Thomas presented Minnie with a Japanese cricket which he purchased at Hakodadi. She was perfectly delighted with it.
The Captains left about 12 o'clock.
11th Cold and blustering with occasional snow squalls. several ships in sight also plenty of ice off shore some of which appears to be very heavy. Sent two boats in to the ice for walrus in the afternoon but it came in thick very soon after leaving so that they only took one which they left behind nothing that looks like a whale is to be seen. every one almost despairs, but at the same time they do not dare to leave here fearing the whales will make their appearance suddenly as they did last year, after so many of the ships had left the ground. We shot quite a number of ducks today also had an addition to our family of eight little pigs. the wind has been North west to day the first change from due North since we have been here, probably that has kept the ice down so late this season.
12th. A Southerly wind today, it is cloudy and snows occasionally but there is quite an observable change in the atmosphere. P.M. the wind soon after changed to the North west again, had boats in after walrus today they towed nine to the ship and brought a number of heads on board, several ships in sight
13th A calm in the morning we were several miles from the ice, sent the boats in after more walrus and if it breezed up we were going to meet them if not they were to bring the heads only. the wind soon breezed a little, as we were standing off we raised a bow-head and set the colors immediately for the boats to come on board. the bow-head vanished immediately and we have not seen him since. 8 or 10 ships in sight, after tea we lay aback for a Barque to come down to us we found it to be the Zybu Capt. Freeman an old acquaintance. he very soon came on board and we passed a very pleasant evening. We went down to the other ships but they were gammoning by

themselves, consequently we had no more addition to our party. Capt Freeman had been to Hakodadi and he neither came on board and look at his paper which he purchased. Samuel returned with him about 10 P.M. and stopped until 1 A.M. he made a few purchases and Capt Freeman sent me a pair of lacquered trunks and sent Wiemin a Cabinet, a very handsome present. He also brought a bucket of Hakodadi apples and a jar of [illegible]
Quite a melancholy accident occurred to him, while at that port he smoked his ship for rats, the crew slept on deck, the steward and cabin boy went in the house at 10 o'clock and shut the door in the morning they were both found dead.
Capt Freeman has taken four whales this season, was fortunate enough to be in the mob off Thaddeus. He reports ice in the straits which alarmed me a little fearing that we might get caught in here and be obliged to stop all winter but they say there is no danger of that, after we have a Southerly gale which we ought to expect now and which will drive the ice up North to the barrier then we shall have good weather and in all probability fine whales.
14th The French ship Jason ran off for us this morning wishing to speak us which he did about nine o'clock. Capt Hache came on board. I had seen him before. He is a Frenchman but talks very good English, his boats crew all wore heavy wooden shoes which looked very queer to us. Before dinner Capt Freeman of the Ryder came on board, in the afternoon we had an addition of Capt Jenks of the Mary to our party, and after tea Capt Soule of the William C. Nye came on board. The Jason took two right whales on Hachinck, the Mary and the Wm C Nye each took four off Cape Thaddeus. Capt Soule expects to find his wife and child in Honolulu when he arrives at that port in the fall. Some ships within a few days found it quite difficult to get through the straits but it does not appear to give the fleet any alarm so I will not let it trouble me. I think more of the whales now than anything else. it seems "as if I should fly" when I think it is the middle of August and not a whale yet, what shall we do. where shall we go. Capt Soule says that he saw three bow-heads today going very fast to the N.E. in consequence of this I cannot think he will lay much longer and he may see whales tomorrow. Eleven ships in sight.

15th about 11 A.M. raised two bow-heads called the boats immediately lowered four boats, two after each whale. Mr Huntley soon had the good fortune to strike one and about 1/2 past 10 o'clock had a large bow-head along-side, so the old Addison has "saved skunk," as the saying is. Never was a whale more acceptable to a ship's company. May it be a precursor of several more, a dozen ships in sight and all chasing, but we are the only fortunate ones in this company. Saw a ship a-boiling. They commenced cutting in about 1/2 past three P.M.

Kept on cutting in until 1/2 past one A.M. had considerable trouble it was a very large whale and inclining to sink it caused them much trouble. Saw whales and lowered the boats several times without success. After tea spoke the Henry Kneeland. Capt. Kelley came on board and passed the evening, he has taken nothing this season. He brought us two packages of papers that were sent us from Honolulu one from J. S. Walker and the other from G. W. Lemmon. They were very acceptable. We learned that the vessel that we saw boiling yesterday was the Bark Fortune Capt. Easter his first whale also. We commenced boiling this afternoon. Plenty of ships in sight.

17th about 1/2 past 4 A.M. raised whales but could not get near them, in the forenoon lowered again; the whales appear to be very wild, and no wonder when there are so many ships looking out for every whale that spouts. About 1/2 past 11, the Barque William Gifford Capt. Baker ran down and spoke us. Mrs Baker and myself passed the compliments of the day. Capt. B. wished Samuel to take Minnie and myself and bring us on board. Samuel did not want much to go, as he wanted to be on the look-out for whales but finally consented to carry us and return immediately which he did. Just as we were ready to start Capt Earl of the Josh Swift came on board for a few moments. He has taken 5 whales, one of the favored few. He accompanied us on board the Wm Gifford. After dinner he and Samuel left each for his own ship and throughout the afternoon every ship had four boats down, the Corinthian

Capt. Davis was the only fortunate one, in sick a boat hove alongside about 4 P.M. Capt. Gifford has taken nothing this season, and feels badly like the rest of us. Why, Captain, the children a boy of 5 years and a girl of 15 months, little Charlie was delighted to see Minnie, the first child he had 'gammed' with since leaving home, he shed tears when she left. I found a letter on board from Sister Sarah which though old was very acceptable. After tea we had an addition to our ~~family~~ company of Capt. Hammond of the Addison Capt. Nowen of the Spy Glass and Capt. Black of the Bullfinch Bound. Capt B has taken nothing since we saw him, Whales Capt. Nowen has taken one whale this season. Mr Baker gave me a jar of honey, a tin of preserved quince a bucket of Mungami potatoes which are far before Sandwich Island potatoes, and gave Minnie some Cocoa-nuts which pleased her very much, we carried the children a couple of apples a paper of figs, a few eggs for Mrs B. and Minnie carried Charlie a picture and Mary a string of beads, Capt. Mrs Baker and myself had a nice time talking about good old Falmouth. Our boats spoke the Clione this afternoon, nothing this season. 18th I lay awake for the most of the night with the tooth ache in the morning it left me, but I was confined to the bed for the most of the day with a violent sick headache. Lowered for whales with every body else in the forenoon, Capt. Earl of the fish Swift happened to be the fortunate one. A strong breeze from the South today, P.M. spoke the Helen Mar, Capt Smith came on board for a few minutes, nothing this season. He brought his packets full of coatnuts to Minnie. He also brought us letters from Thomas Hathaway at Nassau written in April, he saw them at that place they were all well had received my package that I sent by Capt. Thomas in Letters Thomas had not been very successful on Grand Bank the past season taken 150 sperm, he also brought us a package of papers from our Sakania friends also letters from Mr and Mrs Brayton as late as the 15th June, he left his wife and office boy at Sakania, left them at Suyla last season. After tea we raised whales again lowered the boats and Samuel thinks they were near them, had it not been so rugged, it was almost too much so to lower, the weather looked bad

and as the ice was quite near us and we might be obliged to carry sail to keep off and our ship being so light Samuel thought it best to stow down some of our oil which we had on deck, so about nine o'clock they went to work Samuel was on deck through the night and Minnie slept with me. For a fine pleasant morning, we need not have stowed down as ice was right as it proved, but it was best to be on the safe side, oil is too dear to be thrown overboard in these hard times, we stowed down 90 barrels, have not finished bailing up, lowered several times without success, saw very wild sea birds once and then they vanish. Saw the ice today at a distance, it looks quite formidable, 20 ships in sight. Wind quite light today too much so to be successful in killing anything, boats down for the most of the forenoon. Mr Huntley spoke Mr Whitten's boat, he said he had been wanting to see me all the season, thought I could tell him considerable news. They took a whale day before yesterday which sunk, they succeeded in putting him up this morning, as our boats were coming aboard, a ship signalized to one of them to come on board, Mr Crocker went and returned with a letter and package of papers for us from Mr Whitney. We have received our mails quite regularly for the last week I think they might continue but it is probable that we have received the last and much more than we expected. I am glad to see in one of the New Bedford papers the safe arrival of the U. S. Supply Schooner Guthrie of which brother George is Capt. he also heard by letters received of the safe arrival of our home and oil in New Bedford that we sent home last fall, Whale oil was quoted at 50 A 55 cts per gallon, and Arctic bone 85 to 95 cts per pound, that is much better than we feared. After tea we received a call from Capt Fanborn and Mr Whitten of the Omega and soon after Capt Newman of the Barque Covington came on board, they were both in the Cape Thaddeus Cut, Capt. N has 6 whales and Capt. Fanborn is now boiling his 7th. There is no one in the fleet (ourselves excepted) who I would rather have the oil than Mr Whitten, I am truly glad for him. I could give him favorable intelligence of his wife up to Feb. 18th. Minnie gave him her "love bit" of a note that she received from

ship's to carry home as he could not see to cut it here. 30 ships in sight within a few miles of Cape Lisburne, is it any wonder that we do not get oil, yet not one dared to leave for fear he might lose his chance of getting even one whale.

21st. Samuel was called at two o'clock this morning, to go aloft he thought that if we could raise whales very early in the morning before they were stirred up we should stand a better chance of getting one, but not a spout was to be seen, 43 ships in sight, not one of the lot had boats down and out of the 43, 3 only were boiling — what a prospect! A strong southerly breeze today but pleasant — the whales seem to have left the ground, perhaps they have gone into the ice as they were chased so much yesterday — finished boiling this morning.

22nd. Samuel went aloft this morning about 4 o'clock, raised whales at 1/2 past five, sent two boats out and after breakfast sent the remaining two. There were plenty of whales all around us, and had there been a breeze think we should have stood a good chance to strike, but it was a dead calm. The wind died away in the night and about 10 A.M. it came in thick, could hear the whales spout occasionally but saw nothing. We were obliged to call our boats on board with fog horns. After dinner a nice breeze sprang up and the fog disappeared, also the whales, chased one this afternoon but he went very fast to the windward. Spoke the Rambler Capt. Willis, he was boiling a whale which he took night before last, has taken two this season, one on Kodiack and this one, we did not gam, as both were busy. Saw a Bargue's boats strike a whale about 6 P.M. to the windward of us near the ice, stowed down the remainder of our oil today. 168 bbls in all, a very good whale — about 10 P.M. spoke the Magnolia Capt. Peirce came on board for a short time as he wished very much to see Samuel, they were formerly shipmates in the Magnolia with Capt. Simmons. Capt. Soule of the William C. Nye was Mate, Capt. Samuel of the Addison Second Mate and Capt. Peirce of the Magnolia third Mate. He is a Portuguese with I should considerable black blood in his veins, but a very likely man for all that.

28th Sammel was called at two o'clock this morning to go aloft, raised whales standing towards the ice and the boats in and had the good fortune to get whale No 2. for the addition, they killed him in the ice, and we went ~~round~~ through the ice with the ship afterward to get the whale, I had thought, after my experience of last season in the ice, that I should be frightened if we should make the attempt to go through this season, but I was not frightened at all, some of it appeared to be quite solid, but there was plenty of room to work the ship without coming in contact with the large pieces, while we were going through, I saw a sight that I hardly expected to see, three boats from the Bargue Sark of New London were fast to a whale, the whale took them right alongside of our ship, he was spouting blood, thinnie and I watched with great interest until he "turned up." After getting our whale alongside, we went out into clear water on the opposite side from where we came in, six ships in sight boiling, saw the Helen Mar take a whale last night, Capt Willis came on board this morning was very glad to see us, only it reminded him a most too much of his own family he has taken two whales picking up a dead whale on Hodiack and taken one footed there, his two are just equal to our one, In the afternoon saw the William Gifford with a whale alongside and after supper saw the boats towing a second one to the ship, a famous beginning, I am really glad for them —

24th Sammel got up at three o'clock and went aloft, saw no whales, but called all hands at four o'clock to breakfast then sent four boats in the ice to see if there might be another whale for us, about 9 o'clock saw the Rambler with a whale alongside before noon saw three more taken passed the Sark boiling, we have not commenced as all our boats are off, at noon set the signals for the boats to come aboard, they had seen a number of whales but could not get near them, after they had eaten their dinner they started off again, I was on deck when they went and took off both of my shoes and threw after them for luck. I took this day to wash as it was so pleasant

We are having a delightful spell of weather and it seems to me that it is too good to last. It is getting quite late in the season but it may be that the last part will be better than the first. Ships in sight in all directions as far as the eye can see. If there were a few ships here it would be capital whaling but as it is I suppose no one will do first rate.

~~We~~ ~~Sent the boats off on the ice this morning. Saw the Rambler's boats take a whale also three other ships~~

Capt. Pierce of the Magnolia came on board about dark. He is getting quite desperate because he can get nothing here. I tell him it is all right he ought not to get any more things are plenty of poor ships that need this cut. He got 800 off Thaddeus. He passed close by the Rambler while she was cutting. He thought he should send his boats in again to stop all night but I hardly think he will as there is quite a strong breeze and ships will all prefer to stand off from the ice.

25th A strong breeze and rugged lowered twice for whales. Mr Hamlley got almost within darting distance of one but he spouted once more I think he would have been over. Passed close by the Wm. C. Nye. Capt. Soule performed some curious capers on his house for our benefit probably showing his indignation because we were boiling and he was not. Spoke the Covington nothing since we saw them. We heard of the American, Speedwell and William Gifford jamming several nights since, I wish the Addison had been amongst them. Saw one ship take a whale today.

26th Samuel thought last night he would try to work one side a little out of the fleet and if the whales were not as plenty he might stand a better chance of striking one so we ran off the first part of the night and then lay aback with only one ship in sight of us. In the morning we were among a fleet of 30. Lowered the boats after breakfast there were several ~~ships~~ whales in sight but it was a dead calm and the whales were going quick. After our boats came on board our old Consort the Pelican ran down to us. Capt. Pinnegar and Sammy came on board for a short time and I felt glad were we to see them

He has taken nothing yet and feels very badly he lost an anchor and chain in the Straits, he said when he was with us before that "old Hagar" had been his foot on him all the voyage. I asked him now if he had yet taken it off? he replied that he was bearing him down now harder than ever. I sincerely hope he may do well yet. After dinner he left us and went into the ice with his boats. After tea spoke the Sharon Capt Swift, as it was foggy he came on board. Soon afterward Capt Hagar came he could not see his ship, we blew fog-horns all the evening and fired several guns but heard no answering signals. We had some coffee made and got supper for Capt H. we all sat down and enjoyed it very much. Minnie begged the privilege of waiting with Sammy she thought it would be very nice for them to sit down together, for she says "it is age before youth" Sammy says "age before beauty you mean Minnie" "well" she says "I don't think we are either of us very beautiful, so I think age before youth does better." She loves Sammy dearly and every time he comes on board she asks me if I don't wish he was her brother. They left for the Sharon about 10 P. M. and I presume the Capt found his ship, as we saw them both in the morning of the 27th going in the ice a rather standing near the ice along the edge of it, the ice looks heavy today it is different from when we went in the other day. Saw a ship take a whale today which we suppose to be the George H Lincoln. he was boiling also. Samuel got a latitude today and found we were in 70° 12' off Dry Cape much further North than we supposed, too far North for the whales we think as there were but a very few in the ice our boats saw but two and they were among the heavy ice where a boat could not get. In the afternoon we stowed down about 50 bbls of oil. We want to go South a little now but the wind is from that quarter and we cannot go as we wish. Came in foggy about 8 a time as it did the night before, quite a swell also.

26th. Light wind from the North East and raining

about noon a strong breeze springs up, after dinner Capt. Clark of the Bartholomew Gosnold came on board, to learn the news. he had been off on an exploring expedition for the last 10 days on the "compass ground", off Point Hope he had seen nothing, he felt badly when he heard there had been a number of whales taken in the ice since he had been gone, and was almost ready to exclaim with some of the rest of us, "is there any thing good for me?" he stayed on board but a short time and then we both worked in towards the ice.

29th. A strong breeze with a very heavy head sea stowed down the remainder of our oil today, which with what we have in the "cooler" will make 302 barrels the product of two whales, our season's work thus far.

30th Strong breezes from the South and raining, also thick with a heavy swell, chased a whale for a short time in the afternoon but it was of not much use, it was so rugged. The bad weather seems to be coming on early this season.

31st Very rugged, but the gale has abated, lowered for whales after breakfast chasing until 2 P.M. in a pouring rain storm without success Mr Crocker's boatsteerer, a green kanaka mixed one, (oh how vexatious), there were an abundance of whales in sight, they would come up once about once then disappear from public view, the wildest set of whales that ever we seen I do believe about a dozen ships in sight chasing with the same success as ourselves, after we passed the Bark Martha, the Rebecca Sims, and the "Canny England", having a gam. A strong breeze through the night.

Sept 1st. A gale of wind from the South too rugged to lower the boats, saw whales several times during the day, we are standing off and on from the ice as we suppose, not knowing where we are except by soundings, as we have not seen our position for several days. passed the Brig Victoria in the morning and the Arab in the afternoon, I went on deck to look at the last named ship, because there was a lady on board, I have been wishing to see Mrs Grinnell all the season but that is the nearest I have come to it as yet.

It is grand to see the ships as they rise and fall with the gigantic waves in a gale of wind, but it causes us to feel our weakness and the strength of Omnipotence more than anything of which I can conceive. "They that go down to the Sea in ships do see the wonders of the Lord" and must at times feel the need of a higher power than man, insignificant man, compared with them, who holds the waters in the hollow of his hand, and commands the stormy waves. There has been a strong current generally in this ocean that it has been necessary to guard against, but this season there has been none noticed probably on account of the abundance of ice. It is not very pleasant here in thick weather and especially now as we begin to have some nights, there is the current to contend with if there be any. the ice some of which is very heavy, the land, and the great number of ships which are constantly going back and forth. but tho we have been safely kept thus far and He can still keep us from all harm, and last night for the first part of the night the wind blew very hard from the westward, afterwards it moderated. This morning we found ourselves, as it was clear, almost surrounded by ice, with land about 8 miles distant, if the gale had continued much longer we should have found ourselves with a number of others in rather a "bad fix". but as it is we are all right, had a few snow squalls this morning but afterwards it cleared up bright, with the wind from the North, lowered two boats for a whale after breakfast, but he was not seen afterwards, after tea spoke the Eleone cutting in a whale, which, Capt Simmons said made them three, he also reported the Fabius with four - they all seem to be beating us, and I know none can by more than we do, save an other ship cutting. A strong breeze sprung up after tea. by observation we found ourselves Lat. 70° 30' S. a strong breeze which almost amounts to a gale during the night and continued through the forenoon, lowered ships in sight, About 3 P.M. raised a whale the weather had moderated sufficiently to lower the boats, although it was quite rugged. Called the watch and sent off all four boats, how little we thought that the Death angel was hovering over us, and that one of our number was then

leaving us seem more to return, It was even so Poor Frank's days are numbered and he is now in the world of spirits, Oh these sad events are the result of whaling, but much time had elapsed after the boats had left before we heard the joyful sound of a boat fast, joyful at all times, but more especially to us now after being so unfortunate this season. Mr Hartley fastened to him and fired a bomb-lance into him. afterward Mr Jackson fastened and then went on the whale to dance him while the poor fellow gave him the effect of a bomb-lance, the whale capsized the boat throwing all hands into the water instantly, they head all regained once men clinging to the overturned boat, then the whale made a second attack, perhaps to see what it might be - whatever might have been his motives, he made a dash at the boat and stove it almost to atoms. the men, when they saw him coming, jumped again into the water, and poor Frank was not seen afterward, he could not swim, and he might have got injured in some way. Mr Jackson was caught on board immediately with his crew by Mr Parker he was hurt he thinks by the whale's flukes, his knee is badly swollen but otherwise not seriously injured. And after all this chapter of accidents, when the whale was killed, what were our feelings to see him sink to the bottom, the boats stayed by him for some time and we probably have succeeded in pulling him up, had there not been such a heavy sea, as it was the irons came out, and the boats came on board, sad, weary and discouraged, Samuel sent Mr Parker to find the remains of the boat if it was possible as all the craft belonging to her was there but it could not be found. The wind breezed up as usual towards night, and we who could retired to rest weary and sick at heart. Frank was a Portuguese about 20 years old, one that we brought from home with us and a very good man but he is gone, making the third body we have committed to the sea this voyage. oh, that it might be the last. May it be a warning to us all to be prepared, so that when the angel of death draws near, be it soon or later we may be found ready, one and all -

4th, of regular Northerly gale, just the weather to go out, clear and bright if we only had a good season's work. but as it is, we must try to stop a little longer and see if we cannot get one more whale. we have endeavored to stay around near the place where

the whale bank yesterday to see if it would not come up for us but it has not made his appearance 10 ships in sight today. If we could only get three or four more whales before we have the bank it would be, I suppose our company received a check yesterday that it will take them some time to overcome. The S. W. wind continued through the day blew quite hard becoming a regular gale just before dark and we had the clear Magic. The Oleone near by.

5th. The gale increased through the night and this morning it blows with redoubled fury. A gale so severe and so long as this we have not seen before this voyage, about noon it commenced moderating, the Polar Star close by we in the afternoon, there has been and is quite a heavy sea out it is so short that it does not much affect the motion of a ship. She lays to very nicely - saw one bow head today.

6th Spoke the Oleone this morning. Capt Simmons informed us that he picked up our boat. Samuel went on board to see about it, found that he picked it up, found it stowed very badly, attempted to tow it, and it broke in two. He took the other part in but Samuel did not think it worth taking so left it with Capt. S. for fire wood. There was no gun in it when he found it, probably it was loose in the boat and was lost when she capsized. Capt Simmons returned with Samuel and passed the day with us as it was calm so that we could go no where to look for whales. After dinner Capt. Jones of the George A Swan came on board and before dark we had an addition to our company of Capt. Tinker of the Montezuma. He is a cousin of Mary's and has visited Falmouth since we left home. They left about 9 P.M. Capt T. sent us some pickled halibut and some onions which were very acceptable. Capt Simmons has taken three whales, the other Captains two each.

7th. Cruised around all day without seeing any thing wind very light almost a calm. After dinner spoke the Majestic Capt. Chester and soon after Capt Tinker of the Montezuma lowered his boat and came on board. Capt Chester has taken two whales this season one on Rodriack and one here, while they were here the wind blew up quite strong

from the North and Samuel has almost concluded to learn if we have another northerly gale tomorrow thinking as the bad weather appears to have come on in earnest that we shall stand a better chance to get another whale in Bristol Bay than we shall in the Arctic. I wish we knew what was best for us, but to do the best that we know how under existing circumstances ought to be all that is required of us.

8th A strong northerly gale through the night about 9 A.M. squared the yards to go as far down as Cape Lisburne and further still if we saw nothing. The consequence was that we saw nothing, about 3 P.M. raised two ships "laying to" one of them kept off with us and before night we raised another which we spoke just before dark, she proved to be the Barque Emerald Capt. Pierce Nothing the season. That will hardly pay the expenses of a wife and two children in Honolulu.

9th Two ships in sight of us through the day. about noon the wind left us. a dead calm with a heavy swell. Made no headway at all through the afternoon, after tea one of the ships set a signal for gamming. Samuel did not go but the other captain went. by one of the ship's signals we found her to be the Christopher Mitchell. Saw East Cape before sunset

10th Dead calm and thick for most of the night. towards morning a slight breeze sprang up. Samuel did not sleep much. about 4 A.M. heard a sound as of breakers very near could not tell whether it was land or ice. thick throughout the day heard fog-horns once from another ship. about 4 P.M. it lighted up so that we saw what we supposed to be East Cape and found that during the calm we were carried to the North East by a very strong current.

11th Saw land astern of us this morning which we suppose to be St Lawrence Bay. a Barque on our lee beam about 10 A.M. she set her signal and we went down and spoke her, she proved to be the Barque George Capt Silva came on board and stopped until about 2 P.M. he has taken 2 whales this season. was stove in the ice several weeks ago and leaks great. Badly. light airs for most of the day so that we made but little headway. Capt S. went on board again about 5 P.M. and just before dark we spoke again to see if it was

advisable to know, they decided to do so. and Samuel kept up through the night. it was quite a dangerous route to attempt in the night in a thick fog - as Indian Point a very low neck of land runs out for a long distance, and on the other hand their is a strong current setting you in to St Lawrence Island which lies at the entrance of the Straits.

12th. We went through safely last night by Lowrie's.

I went to bed last night and slept soundly through the night when Samuel is on deck I have no fear. I am thoroughly glad however that we are through and so is Samuel. Behring Straits is a very dangerous place, and I greatly wonder there are no more ships lost there than there are, although I have heard that a number of years since there were eleven lost in one season. The George near by through the day. Foggy for the most part through the day.

13th. Spoke the George in the morning. Capt Litch came on board and passed the day. another Bargue in sight in the afternoon we lay aback for her to come down to us. found her to be the Pioneer, Capt. Baker came on board and passed the afternoon. learned from him that Mrs Bryant of the American was quite seriously injured by the hogshead fetching way and pressing her up against the side of the ship, while they were cutting in a whale. Mrs Baker went on board and stopped a day or two with her and then Capt Bryant put away for the Islands so that I fear it was a serious injury. We were also sorry to learn by him that the Indian had been quite badly stove in the ice had taken nothing. Capt Baker hails one Muscle-digger, as his season's work. We had before learned that the Neva was badly stove. he confirms the report She is two years out without a drop of oil. what are we all coming to! and what are the owners going to do they must sink an enormous amount of money from the catchings of the last two seasons.

The Good Return was ashore a day or two before we left Cape Lisburne but got off without injury.

14th. A gale of wind and thick for the most part of the day, he was soon on our lee quarter & Finds running down nothing in the vicinity of Jarvis Island. Spoke the George in the forenoon, Capt. Silva told us that he saw a right whale in the morning close to his ship, he near that they gutted a skin, that is encouraging if we could only have decent weather but as it has been we could do nothing save there plenty of whales here.
15th. The gale still continues. Spoke the George in the morning. Capt. Silva has got tired of the weather here and is now bound off. Jasmine will try it here a little longer. I felt sorry to leave him leave us, as he was the only one in sight, and we have been among ships so long, that it seems rather lonely to be left alone.
In the afternoon raised two ships, one lay aback for us, we went down and were pleased to find it the Speedwell. Mrs Gibbs and myself had another flourish of pocket handkerchiefs as it was blowing a gale we could do nothing else. Capt Gibbs left the Arctic the 8th. and reports whales plenty where we are, and plenty of bad weather, we had experienced the truth of his last statement, and were very happy to hear the first we immediately took in sail and lay to, and before dark had the pleasure of seeing five or six whales.
16th. Moderated some in the morning, continued to do so until it was nearly calm, then a thick fog set in. After tea raised four whales very near the ships, lowered the boats, they had not been down fifteen minutes when the Starboard boat struck, they had just got two irons nicely into him, when he sounded taking the whole of the line about 300 fathoms with him. Had it been clear they might possibly have fastened to him again, but it was just as thick as it could be, and the boats came on board again after being absent about half an hour. This makes the fifth whale we have struck this season and succeeded in saving two of them if we only had the weather think we should stand a chance of making a good season's work yet. I am very sorry to be obliged to record the death of Minnie's white hen (Minnie) she was one that

that we brought from home with us. Minnie claimed her so we did not kill her with the rest, and she became quite a pet on board. We hoped to carry her home again. She has had tumors in her throat, several operations have been performed on her but as fast as one was taken out another would grow, she could eat nothing and we thought it best to have her killed and put out of misery, which was done today. It made us feel very badly to lose her. We become exceedingly attached to such pets on shipboard. Three ships in sight today—

18th A thick fog as usual today. Lowered for whales about 5 P.M. but without success.

18th. Thick for the most part of the day with a strong breeze. Lowered for whales about 10 A.M. fastened to one—he appeared quite still. The other boats were drawing near, and we were beginning to hope that the prize might be ours, when lo! here he was close to the ship. Loose, what a change in our feelings. The boats chased him for awhile but soon gave up in despair, as he was coming very fast to windward, when the boats returned we learned that they were obliged to cut from him in consequence of having a foul line. Out of six whales that we have been fast to, we have saved two. The Benjamin Morgan has struck seven and saved five, which makes quite a difference in a season's work. Saw the Rambler boats fast to a whale for a few minutes this afternoon but they soon lost him.

19th. Spoke the Rambler this morning, we did not gam as both hoped to see whales, and the wind breezed on quite strong. After dinner however not seeing any whales, Capt. Willis ran down to us. Lowered his boat and came on board. He said I must see how much he wanted to see us, to come on board in such a strong breeze, almost too much for whaling. He left the Arctic the 15th. Had taken nothing since we saw him. He hopes to get a whale or two here, and I hope he may providing we can do the same. He brought me a box of eggs which I was pleased with. He did not stop to tea as it was getting to be

very rugged and I was very glad to see him safely landed on board the Rambler. At such times I always think of the sad fate of Capt. Lamphier and his boats crew who were lost on returning to their ship. Saw no whales during the day.
21st. More like good weather than any thing we have seen although the sea has not yet gone down. Spoke the William Rotch in the afternoon. Capt. Ellison said that he had seen several whales through the day, but we saw nothing although we cruised over a great deal of ground. After tea raised the Rambler with a whale alongside. We did not really envy him but we wanted one too.
22nd Pleasant weather. So much so that it seems as if we must have a whale to cut in. have been cruising all around to day and saw nothing that looked like a whale. Minnie has a very strong desire to go to Asia she wishes to see where the ark was, also to visit Shiloh and see the tabernacle, to go to Jerusalem and see if she could not obtain a piece of the cross, and to day while she was conversing on the subject, she seemed to think that if she could not, she should take a shovel with her and see if she could not find where Moses was buried on the mountain. She thinks that as he was such a good man that his body would not turn to clay as they do now. She has a great many strange and original thoughts I think for a child of her years. Three ships in sight, the Rambler boiling.
23d. Good weather. Saw no whales except one in the afternoon that a ships boats were fast to, which we supposed to be the Good Return, they did not succeed in capturing him.
24th A dead calm. Sammel lowered a boat about 9 A.M. and went on board the Rambler Capt Willis having set a signal for him, while there they spoke the Good Return and Capt Fish went on board, he has taken one small bowhead and picked up two making him in all about 20 bbls.
He reported the Julian as having been in St Lawrence Bay to repair and took one bowhead while there, reports a great many whales in that bay but it was blowing a gale of wind so that their anchors would not hold.
Capt Willis sent Minnie and myself a lot of books

to read which were indeed a treat. Sent Minnie a bottle of lemon syrup and pie a fowl. after Sammy came on board the ship to windward raised a whale which was missed by one of the Rambler's boatsteers. shall we have another chance? I fear not as we have seen only this one for the last four days. if we could but get one or two more how grateful we would be.

25th A strong breeze almost a gale and quite rugged. raised a whale about 9 A.M. hesitated whether or not to lower the boats, but finally did so as we could not resist the temptation had the good fortune to strike, the whale did not take the line, no line was parted neither did any get foul. all things worked right and about one o'clock P.M. had him alongside. It was very rugged and Sammy feared that he should not be able to get him in. but they finally succeeded after many hindrances taking them thirteen hours to cut him in. 159 bls.

26th A strong breeze towards noon rather moderate after dinner lowered for a whale and got fast to him. the boats could not get near him, he being inclined to run, and as there was but one iron in him that soon came out, making the eighth whale that we have been fast to this season.

27th commenced boiling today two ships in sight. almost or quite a dead calm. saw whales in the afternoon chased for some time but as there was no wind the boats could not near them.

28th. Fine pleasant weather saw one whale, but he came too near the ship before we saw him and gallied or frightened him.

29th A strong breeze from the north, clear, bright weather. plenty of fin backs in sight they have probably driven the right whales farther north, where we cannot go as the wind is from that direction

30th A strong breeze with a heavy head sea, saw the Islands of St Paul's and St. George's today have seen the former several times before this. The good Return in sight. in the afternoon had several boats down, we saw no whales, even if we had

Samuel thought it would have been impossible to get a boat down our ship's side, without swamping. We were engaged for the most of the day in stowing down our oil - 159 bbls. a pretty good whale. We lost about 20 bbls in "cutting in".
October 1st. Last night it moderated even to a calm, the wind commenced breezing up again about 10 A.M. and continued until it amounted to a gale. The Good Return in sight, commenced boiling this morning, suppose he must have taken a whale the day before we saw him, as he was unsuccessful in his attempts yesterday. Moderated towards night, and the rain poured almost in torrents.
2nd. Moderate breezes from the South today, raised whales immediately after breakfast, lowered the boats and gave chase to them. In the course of the forenoon about a dozen whales had made their appearance, but they were exceedingly wild and not a boat could get near them. We send but three boats out now, as our second mate is off duty and has been for nearly two weeks. Cause - a disturbance between him and the mate, nearly calm throughout the day.
3. A strong breeze from the North, spoke the Good Return in the forenoon cutting in a dead whale which she picked up in the morning, our olfactory nerves assured us that it was so, some time before we spoke him. The gale increased throughout the day - I think Samuel would have started to go out today, had we not so many whales yesterday. Two ships in sight besides the Good Return.
4th. The gale still continues blows rather stronger than it did yesterday. Samuel is almost ready to start before it, have had very heavy squalls of wind and hail throughout the day.
5th. The weather continues the same. After breakfast we made sail for the 122 passage. A heavy sea and squalls the same as yesterday
6th. Last night the Addison barely managed to head her course and now we can run no further, for we have a strong breeze from the South, laying to. ~~About 6 P.M. the wind suddenly changed to the South East and blew very hard from that quarter.~~
7th. The wind from the South the same as yesterday at 6 P.M. the wind suddenly changed to the South East and blew very hard from that quarter.

8th The wind blew very hard through the night and considerable rain fell. Towards morning it moderated some. After breakfast the wind hauled to the Westward and we had the benefit of what I think may be called a violent gale from that quarter. Carried away our main topsail in a squall.

9th. The gale has abated a little since yesterday but it still blows very fresh, we have a heavy sea from all directions and our good ship pitches plunges and rolls about in a way that would almost frighten a lookeron, especially in the squalls which come very often today. I think this may be called the fine gale, although it is rather late for it. At any rate it is the hardest gale we have experienced this voyage.

10th The weather the same as yesterday. We are looking forward now for tomorrow night to bring a change as the moon fills then.

11th About the same in the forenoon about noon the wind hauled a little so that we could run, if the weather improves this afternoon and the wind is favorable we shall be off the passage in the morning.

12th The wind blew very strong through the night and with very severe squalls we ran through the night until about 3 o'clock when the squalls were so severe and not being very clear Samuel thought it advisable to "luff to" until daylight. At daylight we commenced running again and in about two hours raised the land, found our chronometer about 10 miles out of the way. We went through the 172 passage saw three islands, had a strong breeze through which with the heavy sea and immense tide rips, occasioned some knocking about. Raised a ship five or six miles ahead of us in the passage. Towards night we came to the conclusion that the weather had considerably improved.

13th We are nicely through and have fairly commenced our passage to the Islands with 460 bbls of oil and 6 or 7.000 lbs of bone, the product of our season, it is very small but I feel that we ought to be thankful even for that, it is so much better than we feared almost to the close of the season, although it is by no means what we hoped for. In consequence of our partial failure of this season

we shall be obliged to extend our cruise before going home several months longer than we intended and hope yet to have good luck for the voyage.
14th. Fine weather today with light winds making not much progress. I spent some time on deck after dinner the weather seems much warmer today than it has done for some time.
15th Cloudy, and some rain, with a head wind, some part of the day we could nearly head our course.
16th the wind variable the same as yesterday mostly ahead, some rain. About 6 P.M. the wind breezed up from the North.
17th Strong breze through the night **every** thing alive. with motion as near it was impossible to sleep. the gale continued until about 4 P.M. when it moderated, before dark made more sail
18th A strong breze from the South West for most of the day towards night the wind changed to the North and we are now 7 P.M going along at a fine rate toward our destined haven. We have now on board a kanaka (John Adams) who is very sick and has been for some time with consumption or some kindred disease, and I very much fear that he will never see his home again. I earnestly hope for his sake that he may reach it. Have been employed today in trying on Minnie's port clothes, every garment of which is under the necessity of being lengthened. no sight yet when so many suits are needed in these warm weather parts.
19th A fair wind with a strong breze and a heavy sea
20th The same as yesterday except that it grows warmer
21st Almost a calm, bright warm and pleasant. had the stove taken down the first thing. I went to washing after breakfast having a few sacks full of ship clothing besides a great many port clothes to wash. Minnie took her little tub and washed my dogs bed clothes for fear that had a bed all the season that had to be moved up into any body's bed. I commenced cleaning the after Cabin for his share of the days work while the

Steward took the forward cabin; the men on deck now employed in washing whaleboats.
I took "Susie" the bird on deck today for the first time, and the air resounded with a perfect gush of melody.
22nd Pleasant as yesterday with a nice breeze all hands been readily employed. I stood at my ironing table nearly all day "doing up" skirts, dresses, shirts, aprons, collars, drawers &c &c. They helped John Adams on deck after dinner to look in the sunshine for a little while, he seemed to enjoy it very much and thought the fear better for it. Took Susie on deck again.
23d A strong breeze with occasional squalls.
The work is laid aside today except work of necessity as it is the Sabbath, for the last 24 hours have made quite rapid progress in our voyage.
24th A nice breeze. Samuel and myself cleaned our bed-room, while Minnie took hers in her own hands, and succeeded very well needing but very little help from me.
25th A head wind, and not much of it. I spent the day in letting down clothes for Minnie preparatory to washing.
26th Pleasant weather but a head wind, carrying us out to the westward, washed again today for the last time probably before going in port. In the afternoon a Portuguese Manuel by name, got badly hurt by a marlingspike falling on his head from aloft. It cut a large place in his head and it is a wonder that he had not been killed instantly. They sang out from aloft to look out, he lifted his head to look up as it fell and it glanced off, probably to that he owes his life.
30th A strong breeze and we are going very nearly as we would wish, the first time for several days that we have headed within a couple of points as we would wish. It is doubtful now if we fetch Mauri, we shall probably see land tomorrow night if this breeze continues.

31st. Saw land today, have been heading a very good course, and shall fetch Maui without doubt.
Nov 1st. Arrived at Lahaina about 3 o'clock P.M. Had a visit from the Custom House officer, soon after which he went ashore. John Adams has seemed low for several days past, and he very much feared that he would never reach Maui. On our arrival he was carried ashore to his friends and bore the change as well as could be expected.
We went immediately after landing to Mr Gibson's where we were very cordially received, found all friends well, bade them an affectionate "aloha" and left for Honolulu the afternoon of the next day.
The King and Suite were to leave the same time in the Schooner "Maria", and as her accommodations were so small, Samuel was asked to take a few the Governor and some of his attendants on board the Addison which he consented to do, on condition that they should pay the Steamer for towing us in they accepted the terms, when we arrived on board we found hardly room for the soles of our feet on deck. The Governor and Princess Victoria, Father and Sister of the present King were on board with their train of attendants numbering in all about 90 souls! each one with a trunk, chest, box or carry-pail, his dishes of poi, and a huge pile of sugar cane beside him.
On either side of the deck were two large lounges with canopies for the Governor and Princess with velvet coverings velvet pillows and embroidered pillow-cases. Each one was furnished with a calabash containing some fragrant herb which was used for a spittoon, and almost every female was furnished with a white, earthen vessel, the name and nature of which modesty forbids me to mention. The Princess declined taking tea with us in the cabin, but partook of her poi and chickens on deck with several of her attendants, each one dipping her fingers in the dish according to custom. She bears rather a disreputable character. Her conversation, very well in

Capt. when she left the next morning, she gave us a very polite invitation to stop at her house, but I declined thinking it would be far pleasanter to stop at Mr Whitney's where we had stopped several times before. Arrived at Honolulu the next morning Mr Richmond a nephew of our agent who is clerk with Edward Richards came on board and kindly offered to procure a boarding-place for us, which he did at Mr Whitney's. We found several letters at Lahaina and a number more awaiting us at Honolulu. Letters from Sandwich informed us, that my dear Father's health had been very poor, throughout the summer, but that it had been improving for the last few weeks, and they thought as the weather became cooler he would continue to improve. How anxious I shall be on his account for the remainder of the voyage. Not one word more shall I hear, unless we should receive letters by the next mail which I do not expect until we arrive home. Oh that he may live until our return. Our other friends are all well, receive Willie's daguerotype in a letter. He has grown very much and changed much in his looks since I saw him from his picture I should judge that he was a fine looking young man. On our arrival at Mr Whitney's found that Mrs Whitney's sister Emmeline Cutler, who arrived while we were there last fall, was married two nights previous to Charles Judd a resident of Baker's Island, they left for that place on the next week after our arrival. We were pained to hear of the death of Capt Palmer of the Kingfisher. Mrs P. arrived from Chile a few days after our arrival where she had been stopping through the season with her two children one born since her husband left her, on her way home, by way of California, a poor broken hearted widow, my heart aches for her as it has seldom ached for any one. It is hard to be thus bereft when one is at home, surrounded by loving

friends, but to a stranger in a strange land, it is desolate indeed. Oh, what a sad "going home" was that from what she had been fondly anticipating. May he who kindly tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, deal so gently with her.

It was my painful duty to attend her on board the Viking fisher, there to overlook and pack up the clothing of her dear departed husband, and a trying duty it was to me, what must it have been for her!

Two other Capts. died in the Ochotsk sea this last season Capt Tallman of the Midas and Capt Waterman of the J D Thompson, both of them leaving families at home. Reports came by the Ochotsk fleet confirming the loss of the Ocean Wave and the Phoenix about which there had been so much anxiety. The Ocean Wave was lost and all on board found a watery grave, the Phoenix was lost at the same time within a very short distance and all men saved. We were also pained to hear of the death of Mr Baxter, who came out with us as Second Officer, he left us a year out then went ~~to~~ on a short cruise South in the Ocean Wave, procured his discharge from that ship, went to Frazer River returned again to the Yelands sailed for home in the Trident and was washed overboard in a gale of wind off the River La Platte.

We passed the time of our sojourn in port very pleasantly for the most part, went to the Theatre building one evening to see Professor Anderson perform, and again to hear the "Davies Ballisingers" saw many acquaintances while in port, some being home friends and others acquaintances of the voyage especially Captains and their wives of whom there were many in port. We would generally meet at some rendezvous-place five or six couple and after spending an hour or two very pleasantly, would adjourn to an ice-cream saloon.

The last of Nov the Yankee arrived from California, and I with many others was anticipating news from home although I did not really expect letters, but received one however from Little Sarah written from the 1st to the 10th of September the only sad news it contained was the death of our minister who has been settled since we left home. That evening we went out to make calls on our way home called at Capt. Wilcox's to get some New Bedford papers, after we arrived home I sat down as I usually do on the receipt of home papers to look over the deaths and marriages Samuel had slipped out and I was left alone. Shall I ever forget my sensations when the first paragraph on which my eyes rested was the death of my dear Father, what a shock and how unexpected, Can it be that I have seen him for the last time. Oh how fondly I have anticipated meeting Father Mother brothers and Sisters once more it has been the great wish of my heart. Oh it is so hard that I could not have heard one word in connection with his death it seems as if it could not be, the thought that he is no more that he died when I his eldest daughter was far away. that I never more shall see him oh it almost overpowers me. and my poor Mother, I fear that the blow was too heavy for her to bear. with what a sad heart shall I return home I feel as if this vacant place would be more than I can bear

We left Honolulu for the last time on this voyage at least, the 2nd day of December. I have always fondly anticipated the day when we would leave for a "cruise and home". but I left with a sad heart. home will hardly be home that vacant chair now my heart aches to think of it and I shall not realize it fully until I get home. it will be a sad meeting should we live to reach home. Several ships came out on that day as there had been bad weather for three or four days previous, so that the pilot declined taking any out. We kept in company with the Bark Behring for Boston with a cargo of oil for several days. Nothing of interest occurred until we saw a school of Sperm whales Dec 20th it was a dead calm and the boats pulled nearly all day after them without success. We were then in the vicinity of Jarvis Island. We have almost a new crew on board now. We have 10 or 12 that came out from home with us. the remainder are a new set with the exception of Mr Parker who was our 3d mate last season and is now promoted to 2nd mate, and a boatsteerer,

23rd Passed a Barque to day the first sail we have seen since we lost sight of the Behring. A fever has prevailed to quite an extent on board for a number of days. The Second Mate a boatsteerer Cooper Stevens boy five or six men forward and now Minnie is down with it. It does not run very high and is similar I think to the Bowhow.
24th Spoke the Barque this morning the Sagoda, Capt Willard came on board and passed the day. Minnie set up a little today after tea as it was the night before Christmas Minnie hung up her stocking, Samuel went on board the Sagoda with Capt W. on his return to look at his chart, when he came back he brought a very handsome porte monnaie to Minnie and a cake of soap as a Christmas present from the Capt.
25th Minnie awoke bright and early this morning to examine the contents of her stocking, with Capt Ws presents she was very much pleased. Her Father made her a pair of ivory candle sticks with little candles of the same material which were very cunning and I presented her with a book. Those with candies made up the supply. The Capt. made us a short visit in the afternoon.
26th. The Sagoda near by Capt W. lowered his boat and came on board in the afternoon
27th Capt Willard came on board today with his Carbonte that he might use our turning lathe but he was not at all successful Samuel turned two ivory lamp picks for him.
28th As we can sail a little faster than the Sagoda Samuel has decided to go on and not stop any longer for him. At night the Sagoda is just discernible astern.

31st We are very near Boylotacke now and according to the East longitude reckoning our Saturday is their Sunday so we decided to keep this day if not it would be necessary for us to lay by two days.
Our sick people have about all recovered
Afternoon about 4 P.M. Mr Baird our mate went ashore with a boats crew. One ship laying off and on which we spoke after tea he found her to be the French Ship General Teste, Capt. Lecherein Sammet went on board for a short time
Mr Baird returned about 8 P.M. loaded with pine apples bananas cocoa nuts &c from the Missionaries family bringing a cordial invitation from them to us to come on board early in the morning and stop with them as long as possible they also sent me a bottle of milk.
Jan 1st 1860 A new year has opened again upon us but one with whom I hoped once more to take sweet counsel is no more. A sad new year is this for my Mother but how little I can realize the loss as yet. This New years day we spent at Aitutaki one of the Hervey or Cooks Islands in the family of Mr Royle the English Missionary the only white family on the Island.
They appeared delighted to see us and did every thing for our comfort that it was in their power they have six daughters the two eldest have been in England for the last three years. the youngest is six years old a very pleasant playmate for Minnie
They have been residents on the island and engaged in their benevolent work for twenty-one years and the Natives are all under their influence, they seem much better than any that I have before met with. I visited their school-house and chapel which were both neat and commodious. There were five ships, lying off and on during the day. the General Teste the Covington Capt Newman the Minerva, Capt,

Brownell, and the Tourist Capt. Heathman all bound home. The Captains all dined at the missionaries, he carried a few things ashore for them, and received several presents some pieces of tapa, matting, a fan, some fine and some straw sennit for a bonnet for Minnie and myself. He returned on board about 8 P.M. after having had a delightful visit, it is a beautiful island, a perfect garden as regards vegetation pine apples grow in great abundance and in great perfection. Oranges limes, bananas, plantains, bread fruit, guavas custard-apples &c. all of which we procured a quantity. I had written a letter which I wished to send home by some ship, bound direct, as Capt Brownell was going directly home, he kindly came on board to get it hope both he and it may arrive in due time

6th. We have been busily engaged in putting up pine apples in jars to take home providing they will keep, not a ship in sight today. We all left Aitutaki last night, I think Mr Royle's family must feel rather lonely today. They appear to enjoy society very much and no wonder for there is only a few weeks in the year that they have the pleasure of beholding a white face out of their own family. They all look forward to the shipping season with great anticipations

I never had the pleasure of eating as much pine apple as I wished before. Oh how luscious they are, it would be a mockery to put sugar upon them to eat as we do at home.

I am very fond of all the tropical fruits.

7th. We have been pursuing the even tenor of our way for several days. I have been engaged in washing ironing and putting up pine apples, besides my regular routine of work. We have been saving our white sugar nearly all the voyage.

for this occasion, and have put up a "famous lot" in jars, bottles &c. have had a hard rain-storm today almost without intermission. A ship in sight which we signalized this forenoon and found to be the Rambler - if it was good weather probably we should have a gam.

6th The rain still continues, the Rambler in sight. Inspirated today in roast chickens for the cabin and a pork "sea pie" for the forecastle. With occasional lunches of pine apple, bananas and cocoa nuts. It cleared up a little in the afternoon and the Rambler ran down to speak us, but just as we were within hailing distance the rain came down in torrents. Capt Willis wished Samuel to take Minnie and myself and come on board, he said, he had but one he could take her in a monkey jacket," but Samuel thought it was too rainy. We had the pleasure of looking at Mrs Willis and the children and possibly we may have a gam yet as we are bound in the same direction. I should like much to have a visit from them.

9th Found the Rambler in sight this morning about 9 A.M. Capt Willis set his signal and soon after Samuel Minnie and myself went on board and passed the day very pleasantly. This meeting with families at sea is very pleasant for all concerned particularly so for the children.

14th We have had almost a dead calm since the 9th have gone but a few hundred miles today we have a little breeze the weather has been very warm and uncomfortable in the afternoon the Rambler ran down to us, and Capt and Mrs Willis Henry S. Jennie and Jennie came on board and stayed until 9 P.M.

15th Sunday or Raoul Island in sight
about noon we came round to the
landing place on the opposite side of the
Island and Mr Baird went in with his
boat to get some onions, Cabbages &c
just before he reached the shore we raised
shades, and set the signal for him to
return to the ship, consequently we got no
vegetables. three ships in sight the Belle
Northern Light and E. L. B. Jenney
he spoke the Belle, Mr Brown and myself
exchanged compliments. They report the
William Thompson with 175 sperm since
leaving Oahu. he is making a grand
voyage. We made the discovery some time
after the boats lowered that they were schools
of grampus that we were in pursuit of instead
of sperm whales which they very much resembled
After the boats had all returned to their respective
ships and it was nearly dark Samuel thought
to run for them and have a gam as they all
appeared to be gamming, but before we reached
them they all braced forward as if about their
own business so we gave up our intention.
16th. Spent day off and on the Island through the
night in the forenoon Mr Baird went in with
his boats crew. it is a small and rather a
desolate looking island, inhabited only by two
families. although one of the men has ~~two or three~~
wives and a dozen or two children. The Bark Belle
is in sight. In the afternoon by appearance
quite a severe thunder shower. It rained very
hard and was so thick that we could not see a
ship's length for several hours in consequence of
which the boat did not get back until about 7 P.M.
he procured some onions cabbages and green
corn, which was a great treat to us, being the
first we have had since we left home

After the shower was over the Belle tacked for us and about 7 P.M. lowered a boat, and Capt. and Mrs Brown and their little Symmes came on board. They stopped until about 10 P.M. and we had a very pleasant call from them. They have taken 100 bbls Sperm since they left Oahu.

17th. Saw Macauly's or Goat Island in the morning we approached near it after dinner and sent two boats in for fish and goats. The island is uninhabited. For dinner today we had "Succotash" or corn and beans, and we did them ample justice. The boats returned about sunset with three or four dozen fish, two goats they had killed and one live one and four paroquets.

18th. We have been standing today from Curtis Island to Hope or French Rock. About noon we raised a school of Sperm whales, sure enough. Lowered all four boats but they were going to the windward three times as fast as a boat could pull – so we reluctantly obliged to give up the chase and return to the ship.

19th We lay around the Rock through the night hoping to see whales waiting to be caught, but nothing of the kind greeted our eyes. About 11 A.M. experienced quite a severe shock of an earthquake – which jarred us considerably.

20th. We are now on our way towards the North Cape of New Zealand where we do hope to get a whale. About noon raised a ship – just before dark, she hauled aback and we ran down to her before she reached us. I saw a lady on the house, as we drew near we found her to be the James Arnold of New Bedford a Sperm whaler. Capt & Mrs Sullivan came on board and brought with them their Cooper Frederic Read, (Anna's brother) I was very glad to see him although he had grown out of my knowledge. They brought us some apples and peaches which were a great treat they procured them from a ship just from New Zealand.

I gave them some late papers which are always acceptable and some pea-nuts they are 29 months out with 1500 bbls sperm oil They have seen Thomas and wife this voyage and Lewis and his wife and now they have seen Samuel and wife. they left us about 9 P.M. I feel as if I had been peculiarly favored to have a visit from three different ladies in less than a week.

21st. A strong breeze but almost ahead. We have very fine weather now, just cool enough for comfort. We have experienced very warm, trying weather since we left Honolulu. Mrs M. and myself are fully agreed that we prefer going North to Sperm whaling in warm latitudes.

About a week ago the Steward thrown all the teaspoons we used for breakfast overboard in his dish-water. Samuel reproved him for his carelessness but as he had not been at sea for some years thought not much about it, we managed to find just enough to set the table with, and this morning he did the same thing again. So now we have one tea-spoon left. and that does execution for us all, as a public "stirrer" Samuel using it first then I take it then the Mate, and so on down. It caused us a great deal of merriment at the table, but really I think it is no laughing matter what we shall do when we have company, is what troubles me.

23. Rugged and blowing fresh, so much so that it was not suitable to wash raised a ship in the morning to the windward, as he wished to speak us, we hauled aback. About noon we spoke. found her to be the Sea-gull, Capt and Mrs Nichols, sperm whaler, it was too rugged to gam, which disappointed us very much, as we were acquainted at home. They were bound up to French Rock. Mrs N. and myself almost wore out 8 our pocket handkerchiefs waving them.

24th A pleasant day but a head wind, improved the day by washing
25th A fair wind, made land today the North Cape of New Zealand, about sunset raised a ship astern. In the evening saw a light on the shore, which we supposed to proceed from a volcano or burning mountain
26th A gale of wind and ahead which makes Samuel look sober as we have had a long passage and he is in great hasten to get on whale-ground. In the afternoon our three pigeons which the Damon boys gave Minnie flew from the ship and the wind was so strong that they could not get back, we thought they were lost but Samuel won ship and we fetched them right glad were they to get on board again being much fatigued with their journey.
27th Raised a ship this morning but as we were bound in opposite directions we soon lost sight of her still rugged and a head wind.
28th The wind is not very strong today but it is still a head and quite rugged
29th A fine day, the ship nearly heads her course for the first time in almost a week. Yesterday we had a large hog killed, and we all, fore and aft, have been indulging today in fresh pork.
30th Nothing of note occurred during the week now past we are having a long passage when there is a breeze we have always been favored with a head wind. Saw a brig several days since supposed to be bound into one of the New Zealand ports the weather has been pleasant for the last week. To day we have a strong breeze amounting almost to a gale
Oct 1st The gale still continues, with squalls of rain at intervals, Mr Baird has been confined to his room through the day with a cold. Spoke an English ship but could not make out the name

bound up to Cape Farewell had not seen a whale for some time. We had our stove put up once more as the weather has become quite cool and uncomfortable

9th. The wind has blown strong through the week first from one direction and then from another. Saw a ship this morning. passed a barque in the afternoon saw a ship just before dark. We were laying to, he was running before the wind, spoke us as he passed proved to be a large Merchant ship probably from Hobart town or Sidney.

a very strong breeze

10th. A furious gale from the Westward about equal to those we experienced in Bristol Bay. If we can get our victuals to our mouths, we are fortunate, before that we are not sure of them. Our cook was obliged to get two suppers tonight in shipping a sea every thing was taken from the stove by the roll of the ship, fish, potatoes, meat and coppers all rolling around the deck together, such terrible times are not very common.

12th. The gale still continues, it comes in squalls of wind and hail with great violence. Saw a sperm whale playing around the ship in the morning nothing seemed to disturb him. Query? would he have been so still had it been good weather. About noon it moderated a little raised land to the leeward, the Snares as they are called the small islands around which is very good whale ground if we can only have the weather.

13th. More moderate today but very rugged. Spoke the Mary & Susan, Capt. Stewart understood him to say that he had taken four whales and that his casks were full. he was here I suppose as much as a month before us. She was bound direct for New Bedford. Saw Mrs Stewart and her little boy on deck. Capt Stewart said the whales were to the South West of us.

14th. Chase to get to the South West Ridge but the wind not being fair, we made but little. Had rugged to lower even if we had seen whales. Had seven little pigs today.
15. Stormy breezes today, we have gale upon gale in rapid succession. The mother pig ate up five of her children and the other two chase so we are as well off as we were before in that respect.
17th. Raised a ship in the morning spoke her about noon she proved to be the Eliza F. Mason, Capt Smith, since he took two whales ten days since, about here, but had seen nothing since, he did very well here last season. He wanted Samuel to go on board, but he said he would have for nothing short of a whale, while it was so rugged Mrs Smith and child were on board.
18th. We have been heading in towards the Snares today saw the E. F. Mason in company with another ship gamming, if they had not been so far to the windward Samuel would like to have joined them to gain what information he could in regard to whales. We have not seen a right whale yet and have been all over the ground. A fine pleasant day and a great pity that we could not have improved it by getting a whale, the pleasant days are so few. About sunset it commenced blowing again quite strong
19th. The wind blowing a gale. Saw the E. F. Mason in the morning the gale continued to increase until about noon it blew furiously, the sea being a feather white. I believe it blew harder than any thing we have had this voyage, towards night it moderated some but continued to blow quite a hard gale.
20th. More moderate, made a little sail in the morning Samuel would like to go in near the land to see if he can find a sperm whale as the moon changes tomorrow it is a good time. Raised the "Snares" in the afternoon, after tea witnessed a whirlwind which appeared to be forming into a waterspout. it passed across our bows very rapidly. Heavy squalls of wind and rain during the day. Saw a ship in the morning

21st Fair clear weather, rugged but women do do down a boat in case we saw whales, passed the Snares in the forenoon, signalized a ship about noon, with Jonathan Bourne's signal, supposed to be the Washington. Raised Stewart's Island about noon. At four P.M. the ship hauled aback for us. She proved to be the Marengo seven months from home, with 400 bbls oil, Capt. Wild commander. He came on board and stopped to tea with us. Gave us several letters to take home in case he should not see us again.
22d Passed between Stewart's Island and the Traps a ledge of rocks seven or eight miles from shore. Spoke the Marengo in the afternoon. Samuel went on board and Mr Eldredge the Mate came in, he brought Minnie some lozenges that his little daughter Minnie put up for him. Capt Wild sent me some tea-spoons, as he thought it was too bad that one solitary spoon should perform such a round of duty he also sent us some reading matter, saw one of our Falmouth men John Green, fourth officer, from whom I gathered considerable information.
23d. Fine weather in the forenoon. A strong breeze after dinner which soon amounted to a gale. About 4 P.M. spoke the Rambler, had taken nothing since we saw him. Saw Mrs Willis and the children, afterwards spoke the Marengo again. Minnie's pigeons flew on board the Rambler and did not return as there was such a strong breeze. We saw them fly but thought nothing of it, as they had frequently flown on board other ships while we were speaking and immediately returned. Minnie regretted the loss of them very much but her Papa tells her that he will get her some more in Akaroa where we are now bound.
24d. Raised the land in the vicinity of Akaroa about 8 P.M. a strong breeze in the morning but moderated down in the afternoon, after tea spoke the Marengo. Capt Wild came on board and passed the evening.

(The Rambler returned from all home
to Mary Bedford [illegible] Minnie

25th. We were within 10 miles of Akaroa heads this morning when the wind died away. Manuys near us and a sloop in sight. About Noon the wind blew up and we anchored in Akaroa Harbor about 4 P.M. The Bay makes up 8 or 10 miles so that the harbor is perfectly land-locked. It was Saturday with us, but as we knew it was the Sabbath on New Zealand we took this day for our Sabbath. Quite a number of boats came off to us and I have had a very polite invitation from the Harbor Master Mr Graves to go on shore tomorrow which I needed no urging to accept. One of the gentlemen brought off a basket of peaches which he presented us, and several brought off apples which were a great treat to us.

26th This morning there was quite a row on deck. We have been pumping oil for some days and Samuel wished to ascertain whether it was a general leak or whether a cask had been stove, so he told them to break out a little. The boatsteer and eight or ten men that we shipped at the islands thought it was not their business to do it, as they had no share in the oil, so refused duty. Samuel called them all aft and after some confusion and considerable noise they all agreed to go to work. About 10 A.M. we went on shore, instead of Capt. Graves taking us to his own house as we anticipated, he took us to the house of Mr White the Merchant of the place, where we were very pleasantly received by Mrs White. His is "the house" of the place, adorned with lawns, walks, arbors, bowerfulls, brooks, caves &c although it is but two years since he has lived there he has made many improvements.

They have three children, Mildred, Florence and Constance, whose society Minnie enjoyed very much. We dined with the children in the nursery at one P.M. while we took a lunch. As their dinner hour was 6 P.M. we did not dine with them but returned on board about 3 P.M. as Samuel was anxious to be on board again. We visited their garden and orchard, ate our fill of peaches which were very abundant and brought a basket filled with them on board—

27th Samuel and Minnie went on shore early in the morning I did not accompany them. Minnie took some peanuts and some little toys to the children which pleased them very much. Whilst they were absent a number of natives "Maoris" as they are called came on board. Some of them are frightfully tattooed, but I have seen natives who look much worse than the New Zealanders. A boy by the name of Willie Adams who was off Sunday came off today and brought me a basket of apples and peaches, a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of milk. I gave him in return for his kindness some peanuts oranges and a book. Samuel and Minnie returned about 3 P.M. bringing with them Capt Greaves and a Dr Cathing, who is quite a proficient in music, as Capt G. asked it of me as a privilege that he might bring him off, it would be such a treat to him to play on our Melodeon. the only one they have on shore in the church being a very poor affair. The Dr played for the most of the afternoon and appeared to be much delighted with it and he enjoyed the music much. they stopped with us until evening. I was quite well pleased with the appearance of the Dr. he is not long from England, belongs to the Navy and was engaged in the war of the Crimea. I should judge that he was a very talented man.

28th Samuel went on shore early in the morning for last time, as he was going up the bay with him for potatoes, they returned before noon stopped on board to dine, then Samuel Minnie and myself accompanied him to his house where we were very cordially received by Mrs Greaves. She is a native of the West Indies a Creole, but resided in New York for two years when a child they have two children Everett and Adele. We had a very pleasant visit at their house, Dr. C. was there also. Mrs Greaves took us to the house of a French lady. She made considerable of me because I was acquainted with all the French whaling Captains he sent their men particularly to visit their orchard which consists of

400 peach trees all bowed down with fruit, such a sight I never saw before. It looked wicked to see them lying upon the ground. We were feasted with peaches currants raspberries and strawberries, the ladies engaged in making peach wine, which I was told was very nice. She kindly gave me some peaches to take on board. Samuel visited another orchard with the gentlemen, where he bought some plums and gave the owner of the orchard five dollars to let his men go in and pick up as many peaches as they could carry away which he agreed to do. We went on board about dark well laden with fruit

29th. Went on shore quite early in the morning according to a previous agreement with Mrs Greaves as she was to walk out with me. Visited two orchards laden down with fruit. Nature has bestowed her gifts with a lavish hand in Akaroa. every view is delightful. Ferns of every variety are abundant and grow to an enormous size. The French lady whom we visited yesterday wished to get a pair of American shoes. I told her I had none to spare but on looking over my shoes on my return I found a pair that were too large so I took them on shore and presented them to her. She was delighted with them, and hardly knew what to do for me, so she told me that I would send three men up before I went on board, then she went privately and got me a bottle of cherry wine not wishing her husband to know it. When we returned I found she had sent down a box of nice large peaches which she had gathered from the tree. A geranium and a fuchsia in boxes both in bloom, and a bunch of herbs of various kinds. Many thanks to Madame Rosello and Marmora we will drink her health in a bottle of cherry wine.

Mrs Greaves had a very fine flock of fowls, and on Samuel's admiring the breed she kindly gave him a flock of them. We carried on shore some peanuts oranges books papers &c as a present to them, and Mrs G. in return gave Minnie a brooch of Parian marble and gave me a sacque of lady's cloth which was made in England. We called during the day on Mrs White

She gave me a cordial invitation to spend the day with her, said she wished very much to come on board but had not been well. She returned to the ship about 5 P.M. Dr Catting came with us he appears to be a very pleasant man and a man of talent, I was sorry to learn his history. It seems that he has not much independence of character and has been led away by wild companions, on coming out to New Zealand in a fit of intoxication he married one of the Steerage passengers on board the ship, a servant girl without education or refinement when he came to himself he was utterly overwhelmed. and ever since until within a month or two has sought to drown his sorrows in the intoxicating bowl. Recently Capt Greaves has taken him in hand, and he has promised to reform. Oh! when I heard his history I was so thankful that he had not been tempted on board the Addison. He favored us with music for most of the evening and after he had left Samuel informed me that our Melodeon was sold and he was to take it on shore tomorrow it cost 71$ and he has sold it for 125$ a very good bargain, It seems like parting with an old friend, and I can hardly have the heart to tell Minnie she has taken so much comfort with it. I gave the Dr some little curiosities which pleased him very much.

March 1st. This morning we sent a boat off for the White as he was coming to look at the Stops, when the boat returned Minnie was delighted to find that he had brought Millie with him, she brought Minnie a basket of peaches and apples, he got a lunch about 10 A.M. for them as they do not breakfast until that time, the two girls having a tea party by themselves in the stateroom I fear they all like our "Yankee cooking" but they cannot understand how we can breakfast so early in the morning. We then sent a boat on shore for Capt Greaves and family who are coming to pass the day with us.

They came in the return boat and brought a Miss Blackby with them also their servant girl. They appeared to enjoy their visit very much and I tried hard to make it agreeable to them. Our folks had been fishing the day before so we had a fish chowder for the first course which was a new dish entirely to them all. I had to give them full instruction in the art of making chowders. "the nicest way that they ever ate fish before" said they all. Then we had stewed pigeons with dumplings, gravy &c another Yankee affair, then a bread plum pudding. When "we are among Romans we must do as the Romans do" so I did not have any tea made until we had got through dinner, then had it carried on deck and sipped it at our leisure. Capt. G. brought a book "Judah's Lion" to Minnie Miss Graves brought one entitled "The Book and its Story" to me I sold several articles to her that I could spare and gave her some little things which could not be obtained here. In the afternoon Samuel and Capt Graves went on shore with the Melodeon. Minnie felt badly but she had children on board to take up her mind, her Papa told her that he would take it ashore and if they did not want it, he would bring it back again, when he returned and told her they wanted it the tears started but he told her we would soon be home, and then he would buy her a new one, which soon pacified her. They were very much pleased with the instrument in the church — it is a far better sounding instrument than they have had in Akaron ever before —

2nd. Samuel went ashore early in the morning to see if it was a good wind to go to sea — it requires a very good wind to go out. Some said they would not venture but Capt. Graves said it was a good time and as he is considered a very good pilot he volunteered his services to go outside the Heads with us which Samuel very gladly accepted. They came on board about 9 A.M. The anchor was already up and we soon started off leaving the Okarango alone. Our crew gave three cheers as we came

Starting off:- I have said nothing about the Mawing for several days. When we first came in Capt. Wilde came on board two or three times a day but since that time I am sorry to record that he has taken to drinking so that he has not been himself for several days Mr Eldredge and Mr Green come aboard often Mr Eldredge brought me a tin of very nice huckleberries and some more Lozenges for Minnie, and Mr Green brought her a very pretty Nestor-Island basket. The Dr sent a box of peaches on board, a small sketch of Akaroa and a jar of peach jam, Capt Graves brought her a jar of prunes, and brought a fancy shirt or jacket for me to present to Samuel from him when we met in warm weather, So now I bestow Samuel with a very momentous secret I have entrusted to me, which will do to go with his Masonic secrets. He left Capt G. about 11 A.M. and thus bid farewell to Akaroa, after a very pleasant sojourn of seven days.

3d A strong breeze nearly amounting to a gale. Moderated towards night.

4th Nearly calm, beautiful weather, employed it by washing

6th A moderate breeze, was employed during the morning in ironing. In the afternoon spoke the Barque Nimrod of Sag-Harbor Capt Green, fifteen months out with one sperm whale and one right whale making in all 120 bbls. I felt that he was just sent to us, that our murmurings might be quelled, we are very anxious and beginning to be discontented, we had hopes of doing something down here, and we have only seen one whale and that in a severe gale of wind, We have cruised all over good whale ground and have done all that we could do but thus far it has been a failure. Samuel feels as if he could not stop here much longer but get around Cape Horn as speedily as possible and see if there may not be a barrel or two for us on the other side. Capt Green reported having spoke the William Gifford four days previous, Capt Baker took four whales on the Northern

New Zealand ground in November, has taken nothing since.
7th Raised the Chatham Islands today. Saw Chatham, Pitt's and Round Islands, also Solitary Rock. but saw no whales.
8th A strong breeze with considerable rain, Caught several gonies today for their feet which are very curious.
9th Fair weather cruising in towards the land but saw nothing. About sunset as we had a strong breeze, with prospects of another gale, Samuel decided to give her sheet and let her go. So now we are in reality "homward-bound". With what delight would I have hailed the sound, had we taken 3 or 4 hundred barrels of oil and, were I sure of meeting all whom I left behind, but that vacant chair rises before me - and my joy is changed to a flood of tears.
10th. A strong breeze and we are on our way before it with all sail out, studding sails, &c as if our good ship realized that we were "going home".
11th. A gale of wind but we are off before it almost flying through the waters, made 224 miles, the last 24 hours.
12th A strong breeze with a heavy sea, made 180 miles.
13th A strong breeze as yesterday, fine, pleasant weather being quite warm, made 200 miles.
14th. A strong breeze and rugged, with considerable rain, double reefed the topsails and went before it
15th. Pleasant weather, with the wind nearly ahead. Found by observations that we had made 240 miles the last 48 hours. "Jip the dog" was taken vomiting this afternoon. Mrs Vine administered a remedy in the form of two peppermint lozenges, which she believes have the desired effect.
17th. Fair moderate cloudy weather made 240 miles in 48 hours.
18th. A strong breeze with a pretty running "mountain high" every thing is on the move, the old Addison understands pitching, rolling, and all that sort of thing, first rate. In such times our dishes (particularly) fare hard, well, no matter if we have enough to last us home, made 200 miles, the last 24 hours.

19th Rugged with a strong breeze and a heavy irregular sea, every thing in commotion, went 200 miles, the last 24 hours,
20th Rugged yesterday and cloudy with a strong breeze. Clear today, but still rugged. 395 miles in 48 hours.
21st Raining but more moderate, were unable to get observations.
22d Clear and moderate, Embraced the opportunity of washing, made 320 miles in 48 hours.
23d Moderate with occasional rain squalls through: through the day Having had a hog killed we had a quantity of the meat chopped, and today I have been making it into sausage meat, filling eight good sized bags. Made 140 miles the last 24 hours
25th Strong breezes with a heavy sea the usual accompaniment here. from New Zealand to Cape Horn is a long tedious route, especially at this season of the year, as we were to have roast pork for dinner, I thought I would have a surprise in the shape of stewed apple for sauce. as we had a few apples left. so I prepared them sent and borrowed a sauce pan of the cook, stewed them very nicely sweetened them and was just preparing to take them up. When there came an "extra roll" which was a little more than it could manage. and my apple sauce was spattered all around on the cabin floor, and the sauce pan went into the pantry. Consequently our dinner was eaten minus the apple. Made 194 miles the last 24 hours.
26th Fine weather but a heavy swell from the Southward they I must have had a hard gale farther South than we are, made 180 miles the last 24 hours.
27th Quite moderate made 180 miles in 24 hours.
28th Thick and rainy, with a moderate breeze obtained no observations.
29th Calm in the forenoon, dark weather, with the Barometer down very low. in the afternoon a severe gale sprang up very suddenly. We lay to. 12 hours. No observations.
30th Good weather with a heavy sea the effects of yesterday's gale. Found by observations we had made 480 miles the last three days.

31st. variable, head winds and calms for the most of the day. pleasant with the exception of a snow squall just before dark.
April 1st. Minnie had been making great dependence upon this day, and was bitterly disappointed that it came on Sunday. but she has made arrangements with some of the officers to postpone it until tomorrow. Fine weather in the morning with a head wind. one or two snow and hail squalls in the afternoon, head winds and calms during the day, made 100 miles on our course for the last 48 hours.
2nd. Fine weather but calm for the most of the day towards night a slight breeze sprang up from the North, had a very nice day for washing much finer than we could reasonably expect in this region. Made 44 miles the last 24 hours.
3d. Weather the same as yesterday. Raised a ship on our weatherbow apparently steering to the North. A welcome sight, we have been alone on the deep as it were for several weeks. made 86 miles in 24 hours.
4th. A fair wind once more, quite a strong breeze until noon when it moderated. squalls of rain quite common during the day. made 150 in 24 hours. Saw another ship today going as we are.
5th. Fine weather in the morning. Saw a ship steering to the Northward towards night a strong breeze sprang up from the South which soon amounted to a gale so that we were obliged to lie to through the night. Made 5-6 miles the last 24 hours.
6th. Very changeable weather calms snow squalls and winds or puffs, rather from every point in the compass. not more than ten minutes from any one direction. Saw three ships in the morning, two headed to the North and one as we are. Towards night we drew near enough to signalize ~~them~~, and found it to be an Englishman. made 38 miles the last 24 hours.
7th. The same weather as yesterday, very disagreeable cold, snowy and icy. Every morn. or two during the day the decks have been covered with snow. Minnie says

it exceedingly in letting with snow balls though she always gets the worst of it. After dinner I went on deck during one of the squalls and we all engaged in the amusement, both fore and aft the consort of yesterday was in sight for most of the day but towards night we lost sight of him, as he took advantage of every minute of fair wind which he did not, made 70 miles in 24 hours —

8th The same weather Samuel is almost beside himself to be detained here off Cape Horn of all places, fortunately we have moonlight nights which we have until we are out of danger from ice, but at this rate we shall hardly do so. We have very long nights here requiring lights below before five o'clock. The last remaining parrot died today he was sorry to lose him. The snow has fallen to quite a depth several times today this morning it was one foot made 48 miles the last 48 hours. Saw two ships this morning bound to the north in an opposite direction from ourselves.

9th Calms and light winds from all directions during the day. Just before dark a strong breeze sprang up from the right direction for us and we vainly thought in a commencement of better things, but it lasted only a few hours.

10th Light winds and calms as usual. Very little snow has fallen for the last two days but we have occasionally squalls of wind. Two ships in sight bound in opposite directions from ourselves, made 220 miles in 48 hours.

11th Light winds again. We suppose ourselves to be today off the "Diegos", a group of Islands to the South West of Cape Horn. Made 70 miles the last 24 hours.

12th A strong delightful breeze sprang up last night, and we are flying through the water with all sail set as we have not done for the last two weeks. By observations today we have passed Cape Horn and are now in the broad Atlantic whose waters wash the shores of our beloved home, which now seems very near. Saw one ship today under short sail trying to get to the South East, the wind, that is fair for us is ahead for him. Made 210 miles the last 24 hours.

13th. Light zephyrs through the night, but a nice breeze during the day. Raised two ships in the morning bound in an opposite direction from ourselves, and about noon raised one bound as we are. Made 135 miles the last 24 hours.

14th. Fine weather with occasionally a snow squall. Raised 3 ships bound as we are. One of them outsails us, we keep up with the second and beat the third. Made 180 miles in 24 hours.

15th. A strong breeze with squalls through the night, the wind being aft. We went through the water at a very brisk rate, one ship in sight in the morning, passed her and was very soon out of sight. Made 235 miles the last 24 hours.

16th. A nice breeze, but cloudy the most of the day, quite a heavy sea and we are all sufficiently exercised by rolling. No observations today.

17th. Light winds, but fine pleasant weather, there is quite a perceivable change in the atmosphere within a week. Made 330 miles the last 48 hours.

18th. A head wind from the North East which soon amounted to a moderate gale, we under short sail, or "laying to," the most of the day.

19th. A hard rain storm part of the night, fine weather in the morning with a strong breeze. About noon it moderated, afternoon calm with a heavy sea. Made 145 miles to the Northward the last 48 hours.

20th. Quite a strong head wind with a mean head sea. Samuel has been laid up today with a catch in his side which he has felt coming on for some days.

21st. Heavy squalls of wind and rain in the morning accompanied by thunder and lightning, the Barometer prophesied a bad time, but fortunately the sun soon came out dispersing the clouds and the wind moderated but the heavy sea continued through the day. Made 240 miles to the Eastward the last 48 hours.

Samuel has been flat on his back all day, could not sit in bed without a severe catch. I have been applying hot cloths to him.

22nd. Pleasant the first part of the day, in the afternoon we had squalls of wind, rain and hail, accompanied by quite a severe thunder shower which lasted about

two hours. made 155 miles the last 24 hours.
23d Quite a strong breeze through the night but more moderate in the morning. Occasional squalls of rain, through the day. Towards night a strong breeze sprang up from the South West which soon amounted to a gale, but as it was fair we took in some sail and ran before it.
made 160 miles the last 24 hours.
24th A hard gale through the night, and the old Addison rolled as hardly ever a ship rolled before. Every dish or article of furniture that could by any manner of means get out of place, did so. Moderated towards morning and has remained so through the day. but there is still quite a sea. made 180 miles the last 24 hours.
Samuel has entirely recovered from his lameness and has been on deck the most of the day. The weather begins to feel quite warm again, had our stove removed from the cabin today and have had funnel to stoves and fires, below, for the remainder of the voyage
25th Fine weather with a moderate breeze, sat on deck several hours with my work in the afternoon, the first time for a number of weeks.
26th Quite a strong breeze, Samuel sat down last night to disadvantage which brought on the catch in his side again, so that he has been up but very little today.
Made 310 miles the last 48 hours.
27th Nice weather, warm and pleasant, sat on deck with my work most of the afternoon. One of our hens flew overboard while I was on deck and was very soon eaten by the birds. The wind has not been very fair today the ship has hardly headed her course
28th Nice weather with quite a light breeze. After breakfast I had a general cleaning in the after cabin which brought to my mind scenes of home, house cleaning. I do the cleaning in our own rooms usually myself, as I have thought that stewards and cabin boys generally make the paint and varnish look worse than before they commenced. Our dog Jip had a sort of a fit in the afternoon, we suppose it was caused by the change of weather. Minnie felt very badly for fear he would

die, they showered him plentifully with cold water, at night he appeared rather better, but was wild and easily frightened. Made 197 miles the last 48 hours.

29th. In a few Sabbaths more, Providence permitting, we shall be in our own home, attend public worship in our own church, and enjoy many privileges from which we have been for so long deprived. May we enjoy them with thankful hearts. Some with whom we have passed many pleasant Sabbaths and many happy hours have gone before us to the Spirit-land. How we shall miss them!

We have very fine weather today. A nice breeze which Samuel thinks may be the "trades." We are almost to the line and home seems to be very near. Jip is better today, seems to have nearly recovered. Samuel Lidie is better also, but he cannot sit but a very few minutes at a time. Made 112 miles.

30th. Saw a ship in the morning bound in an opposite direction from ourselves. Fine weather, with strong trade winds.

About noon saw another ship coming towards us. After dinner he passed. Samuel chalked our longitude on our "waist" hoping she would notice it and do likewise, but she took no notice of it. We signalized and found her to be the Gemsbok (Barque) of Boston, a very pretty craft. Made 188 miles the last 24 hours. About sunset passed within two miles of a large Merchant ship, bound through the Indian Ocean.

May 1st. Passed within two miles of a large ship in the night. Pleasant weather, with moderate winds. Saw two ships during the day. Made 130 miles in 24 hours.

2nd. Saw a ship in the middle watch last night. Moderate winds but fine weather. Made 125 miles in 24 hours.

3d. Saw a ship in the morning. About noon raised the Island of Trinidad, which Samuel wished to make to prove his chronometer, found her out of the way considerably. In the afternoon signalized an English ship and exchanged longitudes. Made 192 miles in 24 hours.

4th. Fine weather as usual. Samuel commenced "Scrimshawsing" again, for the first time after having a lame side. His work today was turning a bedstead for Maria. The men are all engaged in "fixing up" the ship

They are now at work on the rigging. I made about 25 caps today for them to put on, I expect she will look quite pretty when she gets painted. The owners take a great deal of pride in having their ships to look well when they arrive. Made 215 miles the last 24 hours.

4th Moderate winds. We get along very slowly. Still I can hardly realize that we are so near home.

I am nightly with my friends in dreams - and nightly see and converse with my dear Father. I tremble when I think what other changes there may be in store for us.

But the Divine promise that "as our day is so shall our strength be," is as true now as when first uttered, if we will trust in Him, "who doeth all things well."

Made 120 miles the last 24 hours - Raised a ship in the afternoon a long way ahead bound in the same direction as ourselves. Which was thought might be a whaler.

5th Passed the ship about 3 o'clock A.M. which proved to be a Merchant man. We left him in the distance a long time before noon. He must be a very dull sailer. Made 130 miles in 24 hours.

6th Fine weather as usual. Passed a ship last night in the first watch. I looked out the cabin window to see her by moonlight. A ship under full sail is a very grand sight, particularly by moonlight. Made 140 miles the last 24 hours.

7th Two ships in sight in the morning. Fine weather but very warm. Made 130 miles in 24 hours.

8th Saw a ship at a distance in the forenoon. The wind very moderate making only 180 miles in 24 hours.

9th Fine weather but a very light wind and very warm made only 100 miles in 24 hours.

10th Made 100 miles in 24 hours.

11th Made 108 miles in 24 hours. It takes us a long time to get to the line. At this rate we shall not be home before the middle of June.

12th This has been a very busy day. They have all been engaged in "washing ship" on deck and the Steward

and cabin (or steerage) boy has been cleaning the forward cabin. I swiped up a little in my apartments as I do every Saturday, but do not wish to clean for good until we get near home. I shall feel badly after all to give up my Addison home. It would be folly to think of spending four years less happily than the last have been spent had it not been for the last sad home news. That causes me to dread the thoughts of going home. Made 140 miles in 24 hours - Caught two porpoises in the afternoon and saw a few blackfish in the morning.

13th Crossed the line at noon today for the last time making the sixth time on this voyage. Twice in the Atlantic and four times in the Pacific. Made 140 miles in 24 hours. Samuel sets today the 12th June for us to arrive home, Mr Baird sets the 11th, Mr Bowman the 13th and Mr Van Dorens the 15th.

14th Everybody has been engaged in washing ship outside today. I have been washing, boy warm in the forenoon but in the afternoon it was some squally and the wind headed ahead -

20th For the last week all have been very busy washing and painting ship. Have had fine breezes since the 14th. except that we could not head just as we wished, for three or four days. The wind is more free now so that we have studding sails out and going along finely - Made 190 miles the last 24 hours, and 920 miles the last week -

21st Fine weather, but very warm especially while washing. My washhouse adjoins the galley so that I have the full benefit of the cook's fire. Made 175 miles in 24 hours -

22nd Employed in ironing today, doing up the shirts collars skirts &c and considered that I had very good success. Made 160 miles the last 24 hours.

23rd Today I have been engaged in cleaning Minnie's little room, the blue waters receiving many of her treasures

which we thought of not sufficient value to take home. Although it is in the midst of house cleaning at home. I do not believe any of them had a warmer time than I had, or that they perspired more than I. I need not do any of the cleaning, except that I do it from choice as then I know it is clean.
Made 110 miles this 24 hours.
24th Saw a ship today supposed to be an Englishman. Fine weather as usual and moderate. Made 140 miles in 24 hours.
25th Saw a Barque today (or Brig I should have written) bound probably to the West Indies. Very moderate almost a dead calm making only 85 miles in 24 hours. Weather extremely warm the sun being directly overhead.
26th Very moderate. our good ship "just moving her slow length along". Caught one fish today Minnie landed three of them, they caught one and gave her for raising it. the cook fried it for her supper and it was very nice. Made 108 miles in 24 hours. Lightning during the night.
27th A dead calm for the most of the day. Caught about two dozen fish of the kind called "jack-fish" the same as was caught yesterday. Got no latitude today, owing to an error in time. Cleaned my room yesterday probably for the last time, except a few finishing touches.
28th Saw two schooners in the morning. Sent a boat on board one hoping it might be a Yankee and we might get some late papers, but it proved to be the Elizabeth of New Brunswick bound to Barbadoes with a cargo of lumber. The Captain said in reply to the question have you any date papers. that they had neither a book nor a paper of any kind on board except one a two bills. The other schooner was several miles off. Made 170 miles in 48 hours.
29th The air close in the morning with some thunder. In the evening there were several clouds from which lightning proceeded incessantly with occasional peals of thunder apparently at a great distance. The lightning was very sharp. and lasted through the night. Made 75 miles the last 24 hours.

30th Commenced "packing for home" today. packed a basket of books and three boxes of books and clothing. home seems very near, it excites me very much to think of it. If I could only meet all of the dear family circle that I left behind, how joyful would be my anticipations. The weather is some cooler than it has been for a few weeks past.
Made 148 miles the last 24 hours.
31st. Last night we had thunder and lightning with occasional showers of rain through the night, the lightning was very sharp and the thunder deep but the clouds passed off without coming very near. Today the air is very pure and clear. packed a box of preserved pine apple today. The wind is not as we would like to have it, we do not get to the westward as we would wish, but perhaps there will be a change by and bye. Made 82 miles the last 24 hours.
June 1st The first day of summer at home, but we have had summer for some time. I think we shall have no warmer weather at home than we have had here. packed two large baskets today and filled the Commodore with light articles to take home in it. Passed a ship last night, made 85 miles in 24 hours.
2nd. Cleaned the after cabin and the water-closet today so that now my cleaning is completed. also put the medicine chest in ship-shape order. Saw a schooner and a ship in the afternoon. The ship was bound in an opposite direction from ourselves, the schooner the same as we were, but at sunset she took in sail so we decided that she was a whaler cruising on this ground. but it appears to be a very dry spot just now. Nothing to be seen except "gulf-weed" of which there is an enormous quantity. occasionally we get a few prices for the hogs geese and ducks and often find them filled with crabs and very small fish. Made 90 miles in 24 hours.
3. Cloudy in the morning with occasional peals of thunder Commenced raining about 10 A.M. and continued in showers throughout the day. Consequently could get no observations.

4th. Pleasant weather, washed today probably for the last time on board the Addison. We have all got Saturday night or Sunday Morning to get in, and I hope we may not be mistaken. In the afternoon I repaired a coat for the Band and made an "ensign" which I think is a disgrace to our country I have spent a good many hours in mending it this voyage. but it is now almost past mending Had plenty of thunder and lightning through the night. Made 165 miles in 48 hours.

5th. Ironed today and afterward had my ironing board taken on deck to the carpenter as I considered that I had no further use for it. Had very sharp lightning through the night once the cloud was very near. Made 154 miles in 24 hours.

6th. Some rain and quite cool today, saw two ships and a schooner. Spent most of the day in sewing. Made 180 miles today, a strong breeze and quite ragged.

7th A strong breeze and ragged the wind is not very fair. the ship hardly heading her course. We have not gone as much to the Westward lately as Samuel would like to have gone. Thunder and lightning again last night. I am very glad that it all comes in the night.

Packed five trunks, a barrel and two boxes today. and in the afternoon washed all the dishes in the pantry or rather scoured them they are all white and get stained by use and not being properly washed. they look very badly. I have taken them in hand occasionally all the voyage. I also rubbed up all the spoons. I think I felt about as much fatigued when it came night as though I had been house-cleaning at home Made 178 miles in 24 hours.

8th. To day I have been cleaning "lockers" drawers &c putting up the slops that we had below &c I have got every thing about ready in my department, but the other rooms by me solely. Our steward is no help to them and takes no interest in making things look nice. he goes through the ceremony of cleaning and that is all. Saw a Brig in the morning and a ship passed close to us in the afternoon. About 2 P.M. a strong breeze sprang up from the right direction and we now feel as if we are going right into

New Bedford. We are now in the Gulf Stream -
Made 90 miles in 24 hours -
9th A gale of wind from the North West, directly ahead
sprang up about 6 A.M. after being calm all night. We had
a great deal of lightning last night, but a little thunder
we were very much favored in that respect as they often
have very severe tempests in the Gulf Stream. I never saw
such lightning before. the flashes would extend almost entirely
around the horizon. This wind puts us all down, it changes
the course of our proceedings altogether, instead of being in
New Bedford Saturday or Sunday we are likely to be here
some time longer - This is a time to cultivate the virtue
of patience. Made 55 miles on our course in 24 hours.
10th The gale still continues, We are under short sail and go
first on one tack and then on the other, but cannot carry
sail enough to make much. We saw several outward
bound ships yesterday going before it, and today we saw
two like ourselves. this is real discouraging, it makes us
all feel very badly - To be so near home and making no
headway but probably it will all come out right at last -
This is the Sabbath that we anticipated being at home. My
books are all packed except my Bible and even if they were not
I have read and reread them. It is unpleasant on deck and I
do not know what to do with myself. I lay down this forenoon
to try to get a nap. but sleep would not come. After dinner I tried
it again and was more successful. but I awoke with a headache
and felt so stupid that I wished I had not attempted it -
We have made 16 miles on our course the last 24 hours -
11th The weather the same as yesterday and our folks are
all quite downhearted. have been tacking all day in
company with 1 Barque 1 Brig 1 Schooner and 3 Ships
About noon spoke the Barque which we found to be the Andes
of Harpswell, bound to Boston. Made 35 miles on our course
these 24 hours, having been able to carry a little more sail
than the day previous
12th. The wind fair in the morning but almost a dead
calm. Some that is better than a head wind. Samuel sent
the 13th a long time ago to get in and I will hold on to that
a few hours longer

In the afternoon, towards night, the wind breezed up from the right direction, which gladdened us all. Saw several vessels during the day - Sammie thinks: if this wind holds we shall make Block Island in the morning and get in by afternoon

13th Had a fine breeze through the night until about 4 A.M. when just as we made Montauk it died away calm. About 9 A.M. the Pilot came on board. By that time we had given up all hopes of getting in today. This day drags very heavily. At 1 P.M. a slight breeze sprang up. Passed the Schooner B. C. Babcock of Egg Harbor. Saw a "propeller" and steamers and small craft too numerous to mention. The Pilot could give us but very little news. Had not a paper on board, and did not even know who were the candidates for the Presidency.

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